

Mr. M. K. RAMAN.

In answer to sub-division (1) it is stated that the bamboo mat industry was carried on under the management of the Society. Is it not now carried on?

DIWAN BAHADUR Dr. V. VERGHESE.

It is carried on even now.

Mr. M. K. RAMAN.

By whom was it constituted and for what purpose?

DIWAN BAHADUR Dr. V. VERGHESE.

I think it was constituted by the members themselves. I am not in a position to answer it. What I can say is Government have not constituted it. Government have no information.

The Perumkulam Tank in Nalleppalli.

Mr. A. EACHARA MENON.

115. Will the Government be pleased to state whether its attention has been drawn to the dangerous condition of the western bank, near the turning to the west, of the Perumkulam tank of Nalleppalli and also to the general insanitary condition of the same?

DIWAN BAHADUR Dr. V. VERGHESE.

The western bank of the Perumkulam tank in Nalleppalli near the turning to the west is reported to be not in a dangerous condition. The general sanitary condition of the tank is similar to that of other public tanks in the place.

The Kunnankulam Town Improvement Committee.

Mr. K. T. MATHEW.

116. Will the Government be pleased to inform:

(a) on what date the Kunnankulam Town Improvement Committee was formed,

(b) the strength of the Committee and the number of officials on the Committee,

(c) the number of meetings the Committee had every year, and the number of meetings attended by each one of the official members,

(d) whether the Government has passed any orders fixing the period of the present Committee,

(e) whether the Committee has got any financial or executive powers; and if not,

(f) whether the Government received any representation from the Committee to invest the Committee with some powers; and if so,

(g) whether the Government has conferred any power as requested, and

(h) when will election be introduced for the selection of non-official members?

DIWAN BAHADUR Dr. V. VERGHESE.

(a) The Committee was formed on 12th Kanni 1099.

(b) The Committee consists of eleven members of whom 3 are officials.

(c) The Committee had eight meetings in 1099 and three in 1100. The Health Officer attended seven meetings. The other two official members did not attend.

(d) Government have not passed any orders.

(e) The Committee has not got any financial or executive powers. It was formed solely as a consultative body on matters regarding Town Improvement.

(f) A resolution of the Committee asking for financial and executive powers in the sanitary administration of the town has been forwarded to the Government.

(g) The matter is under the consideration of the Government.

(h) Vide answer to (g).

Mr. K. T. MATHEW.

Sub-division (c). Are there any reasons for not holding a few more meetings? Any special reasons?

DIWAN BAHADUR Dr. V. VERGHESE.

I am not in a position to give any reasons. The Committee should be referred to. There are no special reasons, I suppose.

PRESIDENT.

Is not the answer complete?

Mr. K. T. MATHEW.

I ask the reasons.

PRESIDENT.

Strictly, it is not a supplementary question. It is a fresh question. It is not elucidating the matters stated in the answer to the original question.

Mr. K. T. MATHEW.

Should not reasons also be given? Members did not attend any of the meetings for the last 2 years. That is the

question I put. Now I put another supplementary question. Only on receiving the answer can I put other questions. What is the period of the Committee?

DIWAN BAHADUR Dr. V. VERGHESE.

There is no term fixed. The matter is under consideration.

Commissions on medicines purchased.

Mr. PAULO MAMPILLI.

117. Will the Government be pleased to state if the cost of the medicine shown in the budget is inclusive or exclusive of any commission allowed by the supplying firm?

DIWAN BAHADUR Dr. V. VERGHESE.

The figure shown in the last column of the budget is the actual amount paid to the suppliers after deducting the discount allowed by them. There is no commission allowed.

Mr. PAULO MAMPILLI.

118. Will the Government be pleased to state what the amount of commission or discount amounts to per year?

DIWAN BAHADUR Dr. V. VERGHESE.

Vide answer to question 117. The rate of discount was 12½% from Messrs: Ferris & Co. and Messrs: Dadha & Co.; it is 5% on concentrated tinctures shipped from London.

Mr. PAULO MAMPILLI.

119. Will the Government be pleased to state the reasons that induced the Government to make Messrs: Dadha and Sons, Madras, the suppliers, when Ferris & Co. had been supplying all the necessities for the last quarter of a century without giving room for any complaint?

DIWAN BAHADUR Dr. V. VERGHESE.

The reasons for the change are explained in the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer's report, P. No. 214/99, dated 17th November 1924, to the Government, copy of which is placed on the table. (*Vide Appendix II.*)

Inspection by the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer.

Mr. PAULO MAMPILLI.

120. Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the number of days spent on inspection by the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer during the years 1908, 1909 and 1900? Is the Government aware that, owing to lack of